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US FOREST SERVICE TO CLOSE RIFLE RANGE TO ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERN

(Mountain Rest, S.C.) - The USDA Forest Service announced that it will temporarily close Cedar Creek Rifle Range on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District to replace warning signs in the adjacent forest.

“The signs serve as a warning to visitors who might not otherwise realize their proximity to a shooting range and prevent them from wandering into the range from the woods,” said District Ranger Mike Crane. “Visitor safety is our highest concern, both for those who use the range and for those who might engage in other recreational pursuits such as hiking or hunting in nearby areas.”

Cedar Creek will close for two days, Crane said, April 17 and again on April 19, to allow crews to replace the weathered signs that currently surround the range.

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